

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Cancelled).

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (currently amended). The safety contact lens according to claim + 15, wherein said identification area is selected from the group consisting of a shaded area and a tinted area.

Claim 4 (previously presented). The safety contact lens according to claim 3, having said shaded area, wherein said shaded area is an area having altered surface texture so as to increase opacity of said shaded area.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The safety contact lens according to claim [+]15, wherein said identification area is located at a position on said contact lens that does not overlay a pupil of said eye.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The safety contact lens according to claim [-]15, wherein said identification area is in the form of a ring at or near a periphery of said contact lens.

Claim 11 (previously presented). A safety contact lens comprising:

means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;
at least one identification area on said lens;
wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, to a person wearing said lens, or both while said lens is worn on an eye;
wherein said identification area is a tinted area of a color; and
wherein said color is chosen to corresponding to at least one radiation parameter to which said contact lens is protective according to a preselected scheme.

Claim 12 (previously presented). A safety contact lens comprising:
means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;
at least one identification area on said lens;
wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, to a person wearing said lens, or to both while said lens is worn on an eye; and
wherein said identification area is a tinted area that is not visible under light in the normal visible range, and is only visible under light of a preselected wavelength range.

Claim 13 (previously presented). The safety contact lens according to claim 12, wherein said light of a preselected wavelength range is ultraviolet light.

Claim 14 (previously presented). A safety contact lens comprising:
means to protect an eye from harmful radiation;
at least one identification area on said lens;
wherein said identification area is visible to third parties, to a person wearing said lens, or to both while said lens is worn on an eye; and
wherein said identification area has visual attributes that vary according to given radiation parameters, and wherein said visual attributes are unique to a given treatment or set of radiation parameters according to a preselected scheme.

Claim 15 (new). A safety contact lens comprising:
means to protect an eye from harmful radiation, wherein said harmful radiation is from a man-made source;

at least one identification area on said lens;

wherein said identification area is clearly visible to third parties or to a person wearing said lens or both while said lens is worn on an eye; and

wherein said identification area is located outside an area of the iris of said eye when said contact lens is worn on said eye.

Claim 16. (new) A safety contact lens according to claim 15 wherein said harmful radiation from said man-made source is laser radiation.

Claim 17. (new) A safety contact lens according to claim 16 wherein said harmful radiation from said man-made source is high power laser radiation.

Claim 18. (new) A safety contact lens according to claim 15 wherein said means to protect an eye includes coating(s) of suitable filters and/or suitable absorbers onto said lens to attenuate incoming harmful radiation from said man-made source to an eye safe level meeting safety and legal requirements.